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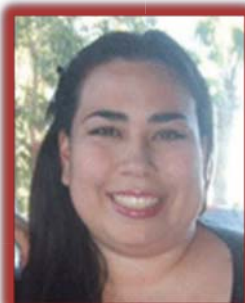
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - Key Women Educators

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Three Outstanding Women to speak at Alpha Alpha State Convention, June 14-16, 2013

We enjoy what we have today because of those, like our founders, who took risks and moved us forward. We have reaped the benefits of these women who have paid it forward and were our guardians long before we realized that anyone was looking out for women and for women educators. Our Convention this year will focus on those who **"paid-it-forward"** and will challenge us to leave a legacy for the future of the Society as we commit to pay-it-forward. Please join us the weekend of June 14-16, 2013, as we welcome three outstanding women who will motivate us to be strong, leading women educators that ultimately will go on to strengthen our society.

Our International guest is **Monica Ochoa**, the Latin American Area Representative to the International Administrative Board. Monica is from Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. She can be described as a young and enthusiastic educator, barreling into the future with ideas. A teacher for 12 years, Monica completed Master's program in Special Education and (see **SPEAKERS** page 18)



Monica Ochoa



Susan Scanlon



Tawni O'Dell

Creating a BUZZZZZ at the United Nations

by Karen Ball

**2013 Annual CTAUN Conference at the
United Nations Friday, 18 January 2013
"ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE: THE
ROLE OF EDUCATORS"**

As a member of Delta Kappa Gamma you should be very proud of your involvement in our project: "Hey Sister, can you Spare a Pair?" We not (see **BUZZZZZ** page 18)



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State President's Message

by Louann Shrader



"I will never forget that the only reason I'm standing here today is because somebody, somewhere stood up for me when it was risky. Stood up when it was hard. Stood up when it wasn't popular. And because that somebody stood up, a few more stood up. And then a few thousand stood up. And then a few million stood up. And standing up, with courage and clear purpose, they somehow managed to change the world."

The above quote could have easily come from a woman remembering the plight of women in the past who fought for the right to vote or struggled to survive in a male dominated society. It could have easily come from a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, remembering one of our founders or early members who worked hard and diligently for changes in the way education was done or how women educators were treated. Or, the quote may have come from one of us remembering a mentor who loved sports but didn't grow up under Title IX, or, when married and teaching, didn't have the rights of maternity leave or child rearing leave afforded to those in the teaching field today. What brought us to where we are today, as women and women educators, are the stories of women from the past who took risks and suffered ridicule. They worked to make opportunities for women and women educators equal with men by addressing such issues as the availability of scholarships, the opportunity to serve in leadership roles, and the end of discriminating hiring practices.

Our upcoming 2013 State Convention will celebrate those who made it better for us. It will be about paying it forward to insure a successful and healthy future. Looking at the challenge of growing our chapters, finding pathways to change, and strengthening our Society, is first and foremost contingent upon strengthening each one of us in our commitment to the Seven Purposes, the Mission, and the Vision of our Society. Many have that commitment, but some don't, and we continue to lose those members whose initial excitement in membership has waned over the years. What can we do to rekindle the flame?

This Convention is about strengthening each of us as women and members of the Society so that we can then strengthen others, our chapters, and, ultimately, the Society. We have an incredible line-up of women who will be joining us at Convention and who continue to work hard to break barriers. These women will excite and motivate (see **PRESIDENT** page 3)

Is Our Work Important?

by Kay Stuart
First Vice President

If we feel that our work is important, then why don't we share that with other educators, inviting them to become a part of our sisterhood?

If we feel that our work is important, why are we unwilling to take on leadership positions at all levels?

If we feel that our work is important, why do we make excuses for not attending meetings and conventions?



Our work is important. We have a purpose.

In fact, we have Seven Purposes - **to unite, to honor, to advance, to initiate, endorse, and support, to endow, to stimulate, and to inform.** These are actions we are to take.

How would you rate yourself as a DKG Sister? Have you taken the actions described in our purposes set forth by our founders?

Have you joined with your sisters to laugh, to cry, to help? Have you sent a card of support or told a sister how much you appreciate the work they do for the Society?

Has a sister earned an honor in your community; has a sister earned an advanced degree; or has a sister taken on a leadership role in her

professional setting? How have you recognized her accomplishments?

Have you made your views known on legislation that impacts education and educators?

Do you support efforts to provide grants or scholarships to outstanding women educators?

Do you assist your chapter and state in providing programs that will enhance personal and professional growth? Do you share your knowledge in these areas? Do you encourage members to participate in these programs?

Are you proud to be a Delta Kappa Gamma member and the work that we do? Do you let that pride and passion show?

***OUR WORK IS IMPORTANT!
WHAT YOU DO IS IMPORTANT!***

Living in Color Purposeful Seminar

April 26-28, 2013, Best Western Country Inn
Lewisburg, PA Ph. 570-524-5500

It is not too late to join your sisters from across the state at the Purposeful Living Seminar. Become the architect of your own life. Be proactive in choices for healthy living. Change the face of a negative environment. Promote positive relationships in your life. Find out what fills you up with joy and passion. This seminar will help you to discover ways for you to live vibrantly - to Live in Color. The Purposeful Seminar is open to all educators in Pennsylvania. **ACT NOW!** Registration is limited to the first 60 registrations and must be received by **March 26, 2013.** The registration form can be found on the state website, in the Winter 2012 *Keystonian*, or contact Kay Stuart.

change from the Keystonian article - Room reservations will be handled by Kay Stuart, not the Best Western.

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each of us to be the best that we can be and to travel those roads less taken.

It is my hope that as you leave Convention on Sunday, our guest speakers and various workshops will have inspired you to be the person that someone, someday, will say, ***"Because you took risks, tried new ideas, worked for excellence and equity, leading the good fight and paying it forward, our chapter is stronger. We are enjoying the fruits of your labor."***

See you at Convention!

P.S.

And the quote...it is actually from a speech given by President Barack Obama in January of 2008.

Doing Something Right

by Tracey Dusch
Second Vice President

Our state treasurer Linda O'Connor sent an email to the officers in January; it stated that she would have over 100 names to list in the next *Keystonian* for new and reinstated members...**116 to be exact. WOW!** That is an amazing number! It looks as if we are doing something right in Pennsylvania.

In the January/February 2013 *DKG News*, International President Dr. Beverly Helms asked, "*Is DKG Worth It?*" Well, for those 116 key women educators I just mentioned, the answer to Dr. Helms' question is, "**YES!**"

So, what is your answer? Whether you've been a member of Alpha Alpha State for many years or for only a few, at some point you made the decision that belonging to our Society was worth it. What brought you to that decision? The genuine spiritual fellowship? The leadership development? The networking possibilities? The opportunities to publish and present? The potential to travel and meet other outstanding key women educators? The scholarships and grants offered? The list goes on and on.

For me, DKG has changed my life. I have met fascinating women I never would have known but for my membership in the Society. I have been given the chance to serve Delta Kappa Gamma in a leadership capacity and have been given the training to lead efficiently and confidently. I have

traveled to San Diego, Chicago, New York City, and many other beautiful regions of our country to attend International Conventions and Regional Conferences to take part in the functioning of our Society. But, most importantly, I am part of an organization that promotes women educators, not only professionally but also personally.



As a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, you have those opportunities too. You can lead, you can publish, you can travel, and you can network. And... you can do so much more. ***You just have to take advantage of your membership.***

You can accomplish that by attending the Purposeful Seminar in Lewisburg, April 26-28, 2103; by attending State Convention in State College, June 14-16, 3013; and by attending the Northeast Regional Conference, Portland, Maine, July 24-27, 2013.

Take advantage of every possible opportunity that your membership in DKG affords. The opportunities are endless!

IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.



Love to Sing?

**Choir Members Needed for
Alpha Alpha State
Convention
June 14-16, 2013
Nittany Lion Inn
State College, PA**



Choir responsibilities will be limited at 2013 convention to one performance at the Saturday Night Banquet so that you may participate more fully in convention activities.

I hope that you will consider singing with us!

Please contact
Shirley Newhart
Visual & Performing Arts Chair
921 Butler Court,
Hummelstown, PA 17036
Please include the following:
- Name
- Voice part (S1, S2, A1, A2)
- Home & e-mail addresses

OR ... you may register online at the
Alpha Alpha State Website under
***Upcoming Events: 2013 State
Convention***

Focus on Finance

by Kathleen Kuzmiak

We encourage chapters to review their need for insurance coverage. Do you presently have liability coverage for your meetings? More and more venues are requiring proof of coverage. AIM Insurance Group has partnered with DKG to offer this type of coverage to chapters. Check out AIM on Society web site at www.dkg.org.

Believe it or not, it is time to begin building a budget for next year! To ensure our budget meets the needs of our organization, we request that all Committee Chairs and all Officers of Alpha Alpha submit budget requests by **April 1**.

Evaluation forms related to the stipends for **Keystonian** Editor, State Treasurer and State Webmaster were mailed to Chapter First Vice Presidents. If you have not already completed these, please meet the deadline of **March 1**.

The results from the State Organization Finance committee Reports, Form 39 are published on the web site. Eighty-five percent of our state organizations returned the report to International. It was good news to know that as many as 93% of reporting receive a financial report from the chapter treasurer at every meeting. This helps to keep members informed concerning chapter finances. Reminder to Treasurers and Finance Chairs to maintain bank statements for four years as well as all bills, receipts and budgets. Copies of Membership Form 18 should be maintained for seven years.

I commend and thank all Chapter Finance Chairs and Treasurers for your diligence in keeping your chapter in firm financial standing. Budget requests should be sent to Kathleen Kuzmiak at



World Fellowship

by Polly Delaney

The World Fellowship Program began at the 1946 National Convention. Individuals, chapters and state organizations are the source of funding for these awards. Contributions and bequests determine the number of World Fellowship Awards given each year.

Alpha Alpha State has the honor to have two World Fellowship recipients! **Ms. Maria Pia Gomez Laich** received an extension and is a student at Penn State University in State College. Maria is from Argentina.

Ms. Aissatou Diallo began her studies in January. Aissatou is attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Aissatou is from Guinea.

If you would like more information about these lovely ladies, please feel free to contact Polly Delaney (dkgpapolly@yahoo.com), Haddie Weber or Joan Glass.

Something Old to be Something New at Convention

by Barb Emmer

Who hasn't looked forward to the third series of "**Downtown Abbey**?" There is so much to appreciate about this program-the period costumes, the customs of the times, the music of the age, and the concerns and issues of the era. Such a delightful way to become acquainted with history!

Last year at convention we introduced our Pennsylvania Founders in an afternoon tea party. We had fun portraying these wonderful ladies and so did the large group of attendees.

We are going to reprise the fun in the same Friday afternoon time slot, 2:45 to 3:30 PM, at this year's convention. Again, we'll delve into Alpha Alpha State's rich history by unlocking our treasure chest of memorabilia housed at Paterno Library's Special Collections. Come join in the merriment and learn more about our past.

New Initiates and Reinstated Members

Beta

Dr. Kristen Bazley
Dr. Ina Grapenthin

Delta

Mrs. Deborah Peters

Zeta

Mrs. Joyce Lauffer
Mrs. Rebecca Rollins

Eta

Mrs. Pamela Wible

Theta

Mary Byrum
Mary Ann Cupples-Wisniowski
Muriel Frieler-Rozmus
Tabitha Geramita
Camilla Justice
Tema Kerman
Naomi Mattarock
Jeanie Nipaver
Kathleen Reim
Rosemarie Rush
Marianne Stetar
Nicole Sullivan
Anna Tarka-Dinunzio
Adria Wilson
Sylvia Wilson

Kappa

Mrs. Janice Chipriano
Barbara "Linkey" Green

Lambda

Mrs. Lucia Bashline
Mrs. Rosa Masson
Mrs. Angela Trinch

Nu

Mrs. Maria Bickel
Mrs. Heather Buffington
Mrs. Marijane Scipioni

Xi

Kathryn Pinkey

Pi

Lisa Kreisler

Tau

Heather Johnson
Mrs. Laura McCabe

Upsilon

Diane Antenucci
Selma Saellam
Anna Marie Joyce
Lindsey Smith
Susan Tell

Chi

Mrs. Kathy Focht
Anna Fulton

Psi

Leigh Miller
Carolyn Rhoades
Dawna Vanderpool
Kathryn Young
Dr. Cynthia Zidek

Omega

Mrs. Lori Hockley

Alpha Gamma

Mrs. Sandra Dalzell
Patti Fiely
Mrs. Julie Lyon
Mrs. Jeane Shelhamer

Alpha Delta

Mrs. Margaret Blackburn
Mrs. Linda Breen
Mrs. Jane Holt
Mrs. Wendy Stemple

Alpha Epsilon

Gail Elliott
Carrie Russell

Alpha Zeta

Mrs. Sue Middaugh
Mrs. Lisa Reynolds
Mrs. Dorothy Weir

Alpha Iota

Darlene Feeney
Mrs. Candice Fink
Linda Johnson
Ms Stephanie King
Mrs. Kimberly Matthews
Mrs. Lindsay Meighan
Cheryl Steele
Mrs. Danielle White
Mrs. Diane Williams

Alpha Lambda

Tiffany Mongell

Alpha Nu

Mrs. Elise Holtzman
Mrs. Susan Huang
Mrs. Angela Minor
Mrs. Kathryn Royal
Betsy Scherer

Alpha Rho

Ms. Anna Hozempa
Mrs. Carolyn Hummer
Mrs. Karen Laskowski
Mrs. Marla Martin



New Initiates and Reinstated Members continued

Alpha Sigma

Mrs. Susan Hepner
Mrs. Linda Makarevich
Mrs. Debbie Mc Millin
Mrs. Cindy Mc Millin-Houston
Dr. Nanette Solomon

Alpha Upsilon

Mrs. Theodora Emberg
Mrs. Sandy Ross
Mrs. Rebecca Timlin

Alpha Phi

Mrs. Elizabeth Oskin

Alpha Chi

Mrs. Carolyn Bakin
Sandra Wilkins

Alpha Psi

Deborah Cech
Vickey Kremposky

Beta Epsilon

Dr. Karen Bowman
Mrs. Bethany Amber Ritenour

Beta Zeta

Mrs. Bernadette Impicini
Mrs. Connie Oluszak
Mrs. Violet Stanko

Beta Iota

Mrs. Lee Ann Patteson
Ms. Judi Whitesell

Beta Kappa

Ms. Carol Hozman

Beta Nu

Karen Probst

Beta Xi

Mary Grunthaner
Nancy Jacobson
Janet Riggio

Beta Omicron

Grace Bakaert
Mrs. Cynthia Kruse
Mrs. Janet Lane
Mrs. Maryann Schwab
Ms Danielle Smith

Beta Pi

Hope MacDougall
Janet Melcher
Dr. Tina Selvaggi
Elizabeth Tirjan
Nicole Wolset

Beta Rho

Patricia Carpenter
Karen Voight

Beta Sigma

Melinda Gaus



President's Schedule



March 2, 2013 -

Beta Nu &
Omicron

Chapter Visit

March 9, 2013 - Alpha Xi Chapter
Visit

March 12, 2013 - Beta Zeta
Chapter Visit

March 16, 2013 - Scholarship
Meeting

April 6, 2013 - Alpha Sigma -
3 Chapter Visit

April 13, 2013 - Alpha Zeta -
3 Chapter Visit

April 20, 2013 - Alpha Upsilon
Chapter Visit

April 26-28, 2013 - Purposeful
Seminar

May 3, 2013 - Finance Committee
Meeting

May 4, 2013 - Alpha Beta & Alpha
Delta Chapter Visit

May 11, 2013 - Beta Theta 50th
Birthday Chapter Visit

May 16, 2013 - Beta Iota 50th
Birthday Chapter Visit

May 23, 2013 - Rho Chapter
Meeting

June 14-16, 2013 - Alpha Alpha
State Convention





Please print or type ONE NAME per form. Send this entire form to:

BARBARA TOBIAS, CONVENTION TREASURER,

Name _____

Title	Last	First	Initial
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Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Local Chapter	Phone Number
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E-Mail Address

Please check ALL pertinent categories:

State Officer Birthday Chapter Member Member - Under 40 Years of Age

State Committee Chair	Chapter President	Member before 1973

Past State President
Album of Distinction 2013
First Timer to Convention

_____ State Chorus participant _____ Workshop Presenter _____ Honorary Member or Guest

Doctorate degree in 2012-13 Chapter Focus Table (include \$20 or if needing electric--\$50)

Registration (non-refundable, postmarked on or before May 14, 2013.) Late registrations between May 15-31. No reservations or cancellations may be made after May 31, 2013. Tickets will be collected for all meal functions. Checks payable to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society. (If you must cancel, please call 717-273-0585.)

Weekend \$30.00 \$

OR One Day: Friday, June 1410.00

Saturday, June 15 20.00

Sunday, June 16 10.00

Late Registrations (Postmarked between May 15-31)..... Double above

MEALS (*Admission by Ticket Only*)

Saturday, June 15, 2013

Continental Breakfast \$13.00

Celebration Luncheon.....	25.00
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Presidents' Banquet	40.00
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Sunday, June 16, 2013

Honors Breakfast Buffet.....	18.00
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Please note: Menus will be posted on our web site. For special dietary needs, contact Barb Tobias directly by May 15, 2013.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED FOR SATURDAY a.m. & p.m.

Building a Chapter Website (limited to first 25 & must attend both a.m. and p.m.)


Other Saturday morning workshops:

Books of 1863 Young Kids Meet Old Fossils Educator Effectiveness

Facebook, Pinterest and Twitter Help Kids Write Better

Other Saturday afternoon workshops:

Nat'l Women's History Museum Essential Mathematics Fun and Fitness

Enrichment Grant-Cooking in Italy	Enrichment Grants-Nancy Ann Hay, et. al.
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Lodging Reservation Form

Alpha Alpha State Convention

This form should be sent directly to Penn State Hospitality Services. For phone reservations, be sure to mention our DKG Society ID: #DELF13A

Penn State Hospitality Services
Central Reservations Dept.
215 Innovation Boulevard
State College, PA 16803
800.233.7505 FAX: 814.863.5004



Please Print

Check-in time: 3:00 p.m.

Check-out time: 12:00 noon

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Rooming with _____ one bed _____ two beds

Special Requests _____

Please guarantee your reservation by giving a major credit card number or advance deposit in the amount of one night's room and tax. Seventy-two (72) hours advance notice is required for cancellations.

Guarantee: Deposit Amount _____

Or Credit Card Name/Number _____ Expiration date _____

Room Rates (add 8.5% occupancy tax):	Single:	\$128.00 per night
	Double:	\$128.00 per night
	Triple:	\$128.00 per night
	Quad:	\$128.00 per night

Rooms must be occupied by persons making the reservation under DKG Society ID #DELF13A. Notify hotel if there is a substitute person taking that room.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2013 There are a limited number of rooms in our block, so please reserve early. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Alpha Alpha State Nominations 2012 - 2015

Nominee for President: Kay Stuart, Pi Chapter

Kay is currently serving as First Vice President of Alpha Alpha State. At the state level, Kay has been Second Vice President and has also worked on many committees including World Fellowship and Membership. She has been an active participant and presenter at many state, regional, and international events. Kay was one of the original visionaries for developing the Creative Arts Retreat. She has also been the recipient of a state enrichment grant and an Alpha Alpha State Scholarship.

At the regional level, she played an active role in the Northeast Regional Conference in Hershey, 2011 as well as Vermont, 2009. At the International level, Kay is a graduate of the 2012 Leadership Management Seminar (Golden Gift Fund).

As a member of Pi Chapter, she has received her chapter's Achievement Award and has chaired or served on various committees. She has been Chapter President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Parliamentarian.

Kay is retired from her position as principal in the Galetton Area School District. In her many professional roles, she has earned numerous honors and awards.



Kay Stuart: Statement for Nomination

"There is joy in work. There is no happiness except in the realization that we have accomplished something." - Henry Ford

Working as First Vice President with the other members of the state leadership team has been a joy. Together we accomplished much - successful state conventions providing professional development and addressing Society business, a Purposeful Seminar and a Creative Arts Retreat to promote personal growth, and Fall Area Conferences to provide Leadership Training. I am happy "in the realization that we have accomplished something."

A recent visit to the gravesite of Annie Webb Blanton, reminded me of how important our work is and how we impact education and the lives of women and children. I would be honored to be selected as Alpha Alpha State President. I pledge to continue to build on the work of Annie Webb Blanton and of those who have come before me, while actively pursuing ways to make positive changes to attract new members and retain current members.

Nominee for First Vice President: Tracey Dusch, Psi Chapter

Tracey is currently serving Alpha Alpha State as Second Vice President. At the state level, she has served as Corresponding Secretary, Projects Chair, Membership Expansion Chair and has been honored in the Album of Distinction.

Tracey has attended every regional and international convention since 2006. As part of her role on the steering committee for the 2011 Northeast Regional Conference, Tracey organized the events for Pennsylvania Night.

As a member of Psi Chapter, Tracey has been President, Second Vice President, and Historical Records Chair and has served on many committees.

Tracey is currently a 7th grade English teacher at Brockway Area High School where she also coordinates many extra-curricular activities.



Tracey Dusch: Statement for Nomination

I will bring to the office of First Vice President an ever-growing desire to serve the Society. With every function and meeting of the Society that I attend, I learn more and more about Delta Kappa Gamma. My work at the State level has given me more confidence in myself and my ability to help lead Alpha Alpha State. It is my wish to use that knowledge and desire to lead the Educational Excellence Committee and to assist our State President as we enter a new biennium.

Nominee for Second Vice President: Barbara Gasperini, Alpha Upsilon

Barbara is currently the Alpha Alpha State Corresponding Secretary. She has served on the Membership Committee and the Visual and Performing Arts Committee as well as participating in many state workshops, conferences, and conventions.

At the regional level, she served on the planning committee for the 2011 Northeast Regional Conference. Barbara has participated in the past two international conventions.

As a member of Alpha Upsilon, she has served as President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, and has chaired numerous committees.

Barbara is a retired teacher from the Burrell School District. Currently she is a substitute teacher in the Burrell and Penn Trafford School Districts.



Barbara Gasperini: Statement for Nomination

The most important part of Delta Kappa Gamma is its members: Key Women Educators who want to increase the impact of women in education and the world today. As Second Vice President and Membership Chairman, I will focus on membership development which is critical to the future of our society. Attracting new members, retaining existing members and encouraging involvement by offering a diverse program of activities that have a broad appeal and interest, will be planned. Personal growth, leadership, community service, and support of educational programs that clearly demonstrate our purposes are a priority. I need you, the members, to make this possible. Your ideas and participation are encouraged, welcomed, and necessary for us to move forward.

Nominee for Recording Secretary: Vanessa Sral, Beta Epsilon

In 2011 Vanessa Sral served as the Northeast Regional Conference Newsletter Editor. At the state level, she also served as a member of the Personal Growth and Services Committee during the 2009-2011 biennium. Vanessa has been a three-time recipient of Alpha Alpha State scholarships.

She has served as both President and Vice President of Beta Epsilon Chapter as well as chairing various chapter committees.

Currently, she serves as Director of Education for the Forest Hills School District.



Vanessa Sral: Statement for Nomination

I believe the Alpha Alpha State office of Recording Secretary must be filled by a person who can listen carefully, make thoughtful notes and submit succinct and accurate meeting minutes in a timely fashion. My experience in various chapter offices, including Chapter President, and most recently, the work I did as Northeast Regional Conference Newsletter Chairperson have prepared me to meet those qualities required of a Recording Secretary.

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Alpha Alpha State Nominations continued.

Nominee for Corresponding Secretary: Candace Claar, Alpha Beta

Candace Claar acted as registrar for the Northeast Regional Conference in Hershey in 2011. She also served on the Alpha Alpha State Membership Committee during the 2007-2009 biennium where she assisted in the necrology services at state convention. In 2008 Candace was an Alpha Alpha State scholarship recipient.

She is currently serving as the Second Vice President and newsletter editor of Alpha Beta Chapter. Candace has also served as Recording and Corresponding Secretaries in her chapter.

She is employed at the Spring Cove Middle School as Business and Information Technology teacher and serves as the Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America Competitive Events Coordinator.



Candace Claar: Statement for Nomination

I believe that my experience as Alpha Beta Corresponding Secretary has prepared me well and my proficiency in technology and my ability to multi-task are well-suited to the responsibilities of this office. I am able to handle difficult situations calmly and think on my feet. As a member of the Alpha Alpha State leadership team, I am willing to learn and grow.

Nominee for Finance Committee : Royce Boyd, Alpha Beta

Royce is currently serving Alpha Alpha State as a member of the Finance Committee and the Leadership Development Committee.

She was the coordinator of the Northeast Regional Conference in Hershey in 2011. In 2010, Royce served as Constitution Time Keeper for the international convention in Spokane, Washington.

As a member of Alpha Beta, Royce has served as President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Finance and Scholarship Chairs, and on the US Forum Committee.

Royce has taught kindergarten through secondary science and has been both an elementary and secondary principal. She served the Everett Area School District as superintendent and is currently serving as superintendent of the Claysburg Kimmel School District.



Royce Boyd: Statement for Nomination

As candidates for the next biennium, we were asked to write our "elevator speech" on what we bring to the position for which we have been nominated. I bring three very basic components to the Finance Committee through my nomination:

Experience - I have served on the Finance Committee for the past 4 years. Currently, I am the Finance Chair for Alpha Beta Chapter. Finally, for the past eight years I have helped develop and maintain budgets in the range of 10 million to 22 million dollars depending upon my place of employment at the time.

Fiscal Responsibility - I understand we must live within our means to preserve a "balance" and sometimes that includes saying "no" to spending.



(Royce Boyd statement continued)

The Art of Creativity and Flexibility - It is not always a fund balance we are striving to maintain, but a balance for the Society that will keep us always moving forward.

During the Northeast Regional Conference you witnessed all of these components in action as we experienced an outstanding conference together and had money to add to the State's treasury.

Nominee for Finance Committee: Mary Wilhelm, Kappa Chapter

Mary has attended the international convention in New York and the Northeast Regional Conference in Hershey.

Mary is currently an active member in Kappa Chapter. She has served two terms as President. She has also been the Parliamentarian, Finance Chair, and a member of the Nominations Committee. Mary is active in many other professional and community organizations.

Mary taught in the Central Dauphin School District for many years. She is now retired from the Big Spring School District.



Mary Wilhelm: Statement for Nomination

I am interested in joining the Alpha Alpha State Finance Committee because I enjoy working with our members to ensure that we have a viable and balanced budget. I have served as Finance Chairman for Kappa Chapter for several years as well as having served for two terms as Kappa's President/Co-President. I would also bring previous experience as past treasurer for Central Dauphin Education Association and am currently the treasurer for the Soroptimist International of Harrisburg East Club. I would be honored to be a part of our state finance committee.

Nominee for Finance Committee: Joyce Kerrick, Alpha Zeta

Joyce has served four years on the Alpha Alpha State Finance Committee. Previously she served on the state Membership Committee and was a member of the Program of Work team serving on the Professional Affairs Committee. She has been a long-time member of the Alpha Alpha State Chorus and has sung at many state conventions.

Since her initiation in 1991, Joyce has been an active member of Alpha Zeta Chapter. She has served as President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President. Currently she is serving her second term as the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Joyce is presently employed as the Executive Director of Partners in Family and Community Development in Towanda. In June, 2012 she retired from the position of Director of the Towanda Center of Lackawanna College after serving there for twenty-one years. She also taught high school mathematics in many of the Bradford and Sullivan County schools and college level mathematics for Lackawanna College, Mansfield University and Penn State University.



Joyce Kerrick: Statement for Nomination

I believe my experience on the State Finance Committee and the Chapter Finance Committee makes me an excellent candidate for this position. I have also served as treasurer for several local boards and my local church. I have served in leadership positions for the Central Bradford County Chamber of Commerce and the Asylum Township Planning Commission. My understanding of finance and planning are important skills for the finance committee.

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Alpha Alpha State Nominations continued.

Nominee for Nominations Committee: Carol Lane, Alpha Zeta

Carol Lane is currently serving on the Alpha Alpha State Educational Excellence Committee and participated in the 2012 Album of Distinction ceremony. She has been actively involved at the state level serving on committees and helping in many activities. She was very involved with the Creative Arts retreats and presented many workshops.

Carol has attended all international conventions since 2004 and regional conferences since 2007.

At the chapter level she served as President of Alpha Zeta during the 2004-2006 biennium as well as filling other offices and serving as chairman of several committees.

Carol retired from Troy High School in 2001 after teaching health and physical education for thirty-six years. She organized the first girls' volleyball and basketball leagues in her area.



Carol Lane: Statement for Nomination

I have a strong belief in the purposes of the Society and a commitment to carry on the work of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Currently I have the time and freedom to serve on the committee and the willingness to do any necessary travel for meetings to perform the work of the Society.

I have a desire to help move the Society forward with quality leadership and will work in collaboration with the other members of the committee to try to accomplish that.

Nominee for Nominations Committee: Diane Whitaker, Omicron Chapter

Diane served on the 2007-2009 Research Committee for Alpha Alpha State. In 2011 she received an Alpha Alpha State enrichment grant for travel to Alaska.

As a member of Omicron Chapter, she was President serving two terms of office. Diane also served on the Chapter Research Committee and as the news editor.

She has received numerous honors and awards from community organizations in the Lock Haven area.

Diane is currently serving as Executive Director of Annie Halenbake Ross Library.



Diane Whitaker: Statement for Nomination

The Nominations Committee is very important as a means of deciding the best candidates for state officers of Alpha Alpha State. I will help identify and recruit those women who will strongly affect the directions and energy of our state.

I will be ethical in my deliberations providing a fair and impartial judgment when selecting candidates and understand the discussions held by the committee will be considered confidential.

I am willing to give a satisfactory level of priority and commitment to this position including being enthusiastic, supportive, attend meetings and work with other committee members.



Nominee for Nominations Committee: Barbara Clark, Psi Chapter

Barbara Clark is currently serving Alpha Alpha State on the Educational Excellence Committee. Previously, she chaired the Ad Hoc Committee Editor Search and the Communications Committee for six years. She is an accomplished workshop presenter having presented at the Purposeful Seminar in Gettysburg in 2007 and the State Convention in 2012.

Barbara is serving Psi Chapter as First Vice President and has served on various committees since her initiation.

She is retired from the Brockway Area Junior-Senior High School where she taught Family and Consumer Science.



Barbara Clark: Statement for Nomination

Through my attendance at international, regional, and state conventions, fall area conferences, purposeful seminars, and program presentations, I met and became acquainted with many of our extraordinary members. As a state committee chairman and committee member, I have become aware of the requirements and duties of our state officers and also the attributes that make a successful officer.

I believe that I am able to evaluate and recommend members for the extremely important offices that will continue to lead our Society forward.

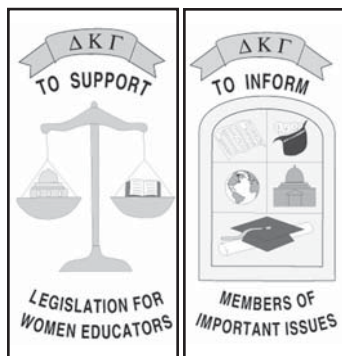
Alpha Alpha State Convention, June 14-16, 2013

See pages 8, 9, and 20 for registration, room reservations, and convention schedule.

Deadline May 14, 2012. (Late registration: May 15-30, 2013.)

News from the Forums

U.S. Forum



The role of the U. S. Forum is to disseminate information in a non-partisan position. This service will enable members to easily obtain information pending federal legislation in order to contact legislators and thereby become advocates for women, children, and education.

The U.S. Forum Session at the Northeast Regional in July!

On Thursday, July 24th at 10:15 the U.S. Forum will commence with a presentation by Susan Scanlan, President of the Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI) and current chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO). There will be a forum discussion with the DKG Sisters in the Northeast about issues important to all of us. Come,

participate, and have your voice heard! She will also be presenting at our Alpha Alpha State Conference in State College in June.

Pennsylvania...

Pensions, School Safety, and School Funding!

It is so very important to stay up-to-date with what is occurring in Harrisburg. There will be changes in the pension system for those of us currently working in the public schools, as the financial spike for covering the Commonwealth's and the schools' contribution portions are in that high range for 2013. What exactly the changes to the system are will ultimately reside with what we are willing to advocate and fight for! Stay on top of the latest information by going to www.psea.org and networking with the regional officers of your region's PSEA. Then take action.

When Contacting Lawmakers...

Contact our state lawmakers through personal emails, visits, and phone calls. The form email is least effective but serves to jam their computer (see NEWS page 17)

STATE CONVENTION HINTS FOR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

☞ Guidelines for dress are easy and comfortable---Friday, casual; Saturday, school clothes or dressy casual; Saturday evening, your best dressy; Sunday, traveling clothes.

☞ Register and unpack at the Nittany Lion Inn where you'll get a car tag to put on your vehicle and then park free at the adjacent garage.

☞ Make sure to buy chances for all the raffle baskets---baskets donated by chapters are outstanding and the proceeds from the raffle help defray convention costs. *There are appropriate times to put your tickets in the baskets when meetings are not going on. Make sure you see the schedule within the convention booklet.*

☞ Plan to go to the First Timers session Friday evening as we give you a birdseye view of what to expect at Convention and the role you play in the State Organization. This is also a good time to meet and greet other first timers.

☞ Do you like to sing? Everyone is welcome to join the chorus. See the schedule for chorus rehearsals.

☞ Be sure to sign up for all planned convention meals, Saturday's Luncheon, Saturday's Banquet, and Sunday's Brunch. *(Note: Saturday morning's continental breakfast is for your convenience only; the dining room offers a full breakfast menu for about the same price or less if you would rather dine there.)*

☞ The Friday night meal is not planned but Whiskers (pub within the hotel) has a menu and the dining room has a full menu and seafood buffet. (Dining room opens at 5:30 & takes reservations.)

☞ Don't miss the Friday night fling! It will prove to be a fun way to kick off convention, draw attention to the state project, and develop new friendships.

☞ Chapter Presidents make up the Executive Board of Alpha Alpha State. All members, though, may attend the executive board meeting on Friday and all members should attend the first general session on Saturday and the second general session on Sunday. All members can speak and do have a vote.

☞ Plan on attending workshops in the morning and afternoon. Based on last year's evaluations the Educational Excellence Committee has planned workshops for you that address some of the comments and wishes you voiced. Though the act has been tabled until July of 2013 when the legislature will consider it again, many of the workshops will offer Act 48 credit.

☞ As a gentle reminder: Please note that it is not the job of the state photographer to take chapter pictures. She has her own schedule she needs to follow. If you would like your own pictures please bring your own cameras, etc.

☞ Though Sunday morning comes early, plan on getting up to attend the Spiritual Unity service and then the Celebration of Life Ceremony. Both will be inspiring as we join together around the theme and remember those who had the vision to build the Society for each of us.

☞ Lastly, evaluations are important as we try to meet the needs of members. Before you leave on Sunday please turn in your evaluations.



Friday Night Fling to Feature Fun and Chapter Birthday Festivities

You won't want to miss the Friday Night Fling this year with an opportunity to learn a few simple line dances, celebrate with our Birthday Chapters, enjoy some adult beverages and donate your Early Career Educators' gifts. Gift suggestions could include crayons, highlighters, colored pencils, bulletin board items, colored markers or anything you think a new teacher may need to purchase on their own. This event will be held

in the ballroom on the first floor so that we have plenty of room to enjoy what is planned to be a relaxing and fun evening. We hope that you will join us!

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systems when there are critical issues that need immediate attention, and they do pay attention then!

School Funding

School Funding will be an enormous problem again this spring. As leaders in education, it is important for us to attend the monthly school board meetings in our districts to make certain the officials making the decisions about the budgets focus on the best for our students. If not, then it is time to take action and locate responsible citizens to run for the school board seats. As an educational leader, you should be one of the citizens running to replace those who become puppets of administrations and/or are out of touch with the realities of today's classrooms.

School Safety

All across the nation, school administrators are working on their schools' safety plans. Unlike decisions in the past, this time having guns in the schools will be part of that discussion in the Commonwealth. Become involved in what will happen to the school in your neighborhood. The lawmakers are in a quandary of what are the best ways to be prepared for this societal phenomenon striking too many schools and where the comment is always, "I never thought this would ever happen here!" These politicians need to hear our stories so that the crisis can become real to them when they make the decisions which will affect our schools and children's lives forever.

The New Teacher Evaluation

Many of us have been reading and also working through the new teacher evaluation system that will become part of the 2013-14 school year. Based on the Danielson model that is being adopted by other states as well, the framework will provide the basis for our evaluations. School districts are in the process of presenting mandatory overviews to their teaching staffs this spring. The evaluations will also be including administrators as the system rolls out.

Come to the workshop on "Measuring Educator Effectiveness: the New Teacher Evaluation System" that will be presented at the State Convention in June in State College. Hear about the plan and the four parts of the evaluation rubric.

"Advocate for Excellence in Education"

When your chapter recognizes the "Advocate for Excellence in Education" in your community for 2012-13, please remember to send a picture and a brief write-up of the recipient to Liz Brewer, PO Box 249, Riverside, PA 17868 or calb8848@gmail.com, so

that it can be placed in a notebook for display at State Convention in June. Presentations can be made at the school board meeting or the community library. Your chapter may want to invite the advocate to a chapter meeting to hear what we do in AAS and DKG. The excellence certificate is available on the state website under US Forum.

Subscribe to the newsletter "[Usforuminfo] Forum Connection," the free monthly newsletter by sending a request to [REDACTED]

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION can be obtained through Congressional Switchboard 1-866-327-8670. (This is a toll free number.) You can contact your Congressman and Senator through this number without paying long distance charges.

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives

<http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate

U. N. Forum

The role of the U. N. Forum is to inform members of the work of the United Nations Department of Public Information and the Economic and Social Council as it works on advocacies for women, children and education.

CTAUN 2013

The theme of this year's daylong conference held at the United Nations in New York City was "Advancing Social Justice: the Role of Educators."* The morning session focused on economic inequalities. Thomas Pogge, Professor of Law at Yale, talked about the supernatural lobbying of the world's elite who are determining the order of the entire world through the influence of their financial powers. Another morning speaker, Caroljean Willie, from the Sisters of Charity Federation, an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization Representative), shared how the climate changes* of the world are also affecting social inequalities.

The session's takeaways for educators are to begin the discussion in our classrooms by talking about the recent harsh fires, droughts, and storms in the U.S. without getting into the controversies of climate changes and to use the U.N. App* for the iPhone which was introduced as an essential tool in teaching our students about the work of the UN. It will be the youth of our world who will address the social injustices of our country and world!

The afternoon session of CTAUN focused on the United Nations' campaign against human trafficking. Exhibitors shared the work they are doing in this area, including Made in a Free World,* which will tell each of us how many slaves work for us in a day (www.slaveryfootprint.org). (see NEWS page 19)

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is currently teaching 4th grade in the morning and 2nd grade in the afternoon, a common practice in most populated areas of Mexico. Her involvement in DKG began as a new teacher and in her short time as a member, she has been both Chapter President and State President. Monica will keynote our banquet on Saturday evening with an update from the International Society and futuristic thoughts that will help us identify needed pathways to the future.

Susan Scanlon will Keynote our Saturday morning session. Susan has worked to change policies regarding women and their rights. She is President of the Women's Research and Education Institute in Washington D.C. (WREI), which provides timely data and policy analysis to the women and men in the U.S. Congress. Among WREI's one-of-a-kind programs are the Congressional Fellowships on Women & Public Policy. She is also Chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations, a coalition of over 230 progressive women's groups representing more than 12 million American women. In addition, Susan is on the Board of the National Women's History Museum as well as on the board of directors of her alma mater, Sweet Briar College.

Tawni O'Dell, journalist and novelist, will be our luncheon speaker at Convention. Born and raised in the coal-mining regions of western Pennsylvania, the territory she writes about with such striking authenticity, proudly calls Indiana, Pennsylvania her hometown. She graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in journalism and spent many years living in the Chicago area before moving back to State College, Pennsylvania where she now lives with her two children. Her first book, *Back Roads*, published in 2000, became an Oprah Winfrey Book Club choice and will go into production as a movie this summer. She has published three subsequent novels *Coal Run*, *Sister Mine*, and *Fragile Beasts*. Her latest novel is due out this spring.



(**BUZZZZ** from page 1)

only created quite the **BUZZZZ** but actually won the award for "**Best Practices of 2012**" from the United Nations!



One of the BEST things about creating a **BUZZZZ**..... is being along side all the other WORKER BEES in the HIVE! I was extremely proud to represent all the WORKER BEES in Alpha Alpha State as I accepted the "**Best Practices Award**" on your behalf from the United Nations representative in New York City at the CTAUN (Conference on Teaching About the United Nations).



This award is given each year to a person or organization that creates a project or works in conjunction with another organization to promote or provide global awareness into school curricula and the work of community organizations.

I am so grateful that Barb Emmer from Psi Chapter, thought enough of me thirteen years ago, to offer me membership into Delta Kappa Gamma. BEE-cause I was invited to BEE-come a member of the HIVE, I have BEE-come a much better person. Won't you look around your area of the garden and do what BEES always do? Help others to BLOSSOM! We definitely are a group of . . .

"Leading Women Educators that are Impacting Education Worldwide!"



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We heard from two powerful speakers who are survivors of human trafficking. Rachel Lloyd, author of *Girls Like Us: a Memoir*, helps women in New York City through her program, GEMS* (Girls Educating and Mentoring Services). Somaly Mam, a Cambodian heroine, who is a tenacious leader in saving young women in her country from trafficking. Considered (by *Time Magazine*) to be one of the most 100 influential people in the world, Mam tells her story

in *The Road to Lost Innocence*.

*These resources can be found on our website, www.alphaalphapha.org

Another significant highlight of the day was the acknowledgment and recognition of Alpha Alpha State being recognized with a Best Practice Award for The Patricia Project, "Hey Sister, Can You Spare a Pair." Congratulations, Alpha Alpha State Sisters!

2013 Convention Workshop Descriptions

Workshop Title: National Women's History Museum

Presenter: Susan Scanlon, Keynote Speaker

Did you know that only one in ten figures in today's history textbooks is a woman; less than eight percent of the statues in our national parks are of women, and in our nation's Capitol Building only thirteen out of the 217 statues are of women leaders? The National Women's History Museum (NWH) will educate and empower women by building a museum in Washington, DC, a city whose attractions symbolize what our nation honors.

Workshop Title: "Dimensional Analysis: Essential Mathematics for Lifetime Success"

Presenter: Linda Koharchik, DNP, MSN, RN, CNE, Alpha Upsilon

Dr. Koharchik is a clinical assistant professor of nursing at Duquesne University. In working with nursing students to attain proficiency in medication dosage calculations, she has found the math model, "dimensional analysis," to be very helpful in making students successful. Dimensional analysis, an easy mathematics strategy, involves no memorization of formulas and leads students on a clear path to a logical answer. She has performed an evidence-based initiative to establish dimensional analysis as the single dosage calculation strategy taught at Duquesne's School of Nursing. She has presented her findings at a research conference and has been published in "Nursing Made Incredibly Easy". The workshop will be very helpful for elementary and secondary math and science teachers and will be pertinent for university educators. In fact, this mathematics model will be beneficial for anyone to understand, as it has practical application to everyday math problems from baking to sewing!

Workshop Title: "Building a Chapter Website with Weebly"

Presenters: Cindy Devonshire and Linda Nickerson, Alpha Zeta

Bring your laptop and get ready to build your chapter web page. Simple, clear directions will be given to get you on your way to having your own chapter website using the free version of Weebly. Easy to follow handouts will also be provided. LIMITED to the first 25 participants. Bring your own laptop.

Note: This workshop will require you to attend both morning and afternoon sessions.

Workshop Title: "Books of 1863: Would They Be Your Cup of Tea?"

Presenter: Linda Clark, Beta Delta

As we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, explore the literature choices available to women and children of the Victorian era. View children's titles, as well as the bestsellers of the 1860's. This power point presentation includes *The Dixie Speller*, *Secrets of a Ladies Toilet*, and a host of other volumes. What was Mary Lincoln reading? And what book did Abraham Lincoln believe may have caused the Civil War? Many titles are still available today! Links to websites for further reading enjoyment will be provided.

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

DISCOVERING PATHWAYS TO CHANGE; STRENGTHENING OUR SOCIETY

Friday, June 14 - Casual Dress

Noon	Check into the Nittany Lion Inn
1-7	Registration Opens and Raffle Ticket Sales Begin in Rotunda; Sign In and Collect Convention Materials;
3-8:00	Focus Tables, Atrium
2:45-4	Pre-conference Activities Arboretum Tour Palmer Museum Tour "Sweet Walk" with Carol Lane "Opening the Treasures of Alpha Alpha State" Ballroom AB
(Information on each of these activities and where to meet will be available at the registration desk)	
5-6:30	Chorus Rehearsal, Mt Nittany
6:45-7:15	"First Timers, 101," Mt. Nittany
7:30-8	Album of Distinction Presentation of the 2013 candidates for the Album of Distinction by their Chapter Presidents, Ballroom C
8-8:30	Reception for the new recipients of the 2013 Album of Distinction, Faculty Staff Club Room
8:30-9:15	Chorus Rehearsal, Mt. Nittany
8:30-9:30	Executive Board Meeting, Board Room 2
8:45-9:15	"Gentle Flow Yoga" Ballroom AB
9:30	Friday Night Fling, Birthday Chapters' Presentations, Fun and Fellowship, Assembly

Saturday, June 15 - Business Dress

6-6:30	Morning Walk (meet in lobby)
6:45-7:45	Ticketed Continental Breakfast, Alumni Lobby
7:15-7:45	Chorus Rehearsal, Mt. Nittany
7:30-11:45	Registration and Raffle Ticket Sales, Rotunda
8:00	Presentation of Flags and Procession of Officers, First General Session and Reflective Keynote, Alumni Ballroom
10:30-11:30	Workshop Session I
11:00	Author and Focus Tables, Atrium
11:45	Doors open for Celebration Luncheon
12:00	Ticketed Celebration Luncheon, Alumni Ballroom
	Recognition of Women earning Doctorates, Communication Awards
	Recognition of Authors

Following Luncheon-2:15 Visit Author Tables, Atrium

2:15-3:15	Workshop Session II
3:20	Chapter Presidents Procession Rehearsal, Alumni Ballroom
4:00	State Officers, Guests, Past State Presidents, Escorts, Procession Rehearsal, Alumni Ballroom
3:30-4:30	Raffle tickets/ Author & Focus Tables
4:00	Catholic Mass at Pasquarelli Spiritual Center
4:30	Raffles drawn, all focus tables down

Saturday Evening, June 15 - Best Dress

5:15-5:45	"Under 40 Years of Age" reception Room 2078
5:30-6	Chorus Rehearsal, Alumni Ballroom
5:45	Officers and Guests Photos, Alumni Lobby
6:00	Doors open; Seating for Ticketed Banquet (a program will be provided; convention booklet not needed)
6:15	Introduction and Procession of Past State Presidents and Head Table Guests Presentation of Chapter Presidents Banquet Keynote by International Guest Monica Ochoa Installation of 2013-2015 Alpha Alpha State Officers Musical Presentation Alpha Alpha State Achievement Award Singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song Receiving Line for Keynote Speakers, guests, new state officers, Alumni Lobby

Sunday, June 16 - Traveling Clothes

7:30-7:50	Spiritual Unity Ceremony, Board Room 1
8:00	Celebration of Life, Assembly
9:00	Ticketed Honors Breakfast, Ballroom
9:45-10:45	Second General Session , Alumni Ballroom Presentation of Scholarships and Enrichment Grants Biennial Preview Retiring of the Flags
11:00	Check out of Hotel
11:00-12:30	Administrative Board Meeting of all out going and incoming officers and committee chairs, Alumni Lounge

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Workshop Title: "Young Kids Meet Old Fossils: Hands-on Activities to Teach Children About Fossils"

Presenters: Yvonne M. Baldwin and Colleen Reese, Beta Delta

Here is your chance to see, handle, and learn about fossils over 300 million years old as you receive information about an exciting fossil program for children of all ages. Originally, Yvonne developed the activities to use in her elementary classroom, but since her retirement, she has expanded the fossil program and taken it into schools and summer camps. This session will enable you to see and handle the fossils and see slides of children doing the activities.

Workshop Title: "Fun & Fitness"

Presenter: Deborah Yargar-Reed, Beta Kappa

This session will be filled with exciting activities for participants to get up and move. These ideas offer a quick and easy way to enhance a lesson with movement which will also get your heart pumping. These activities are ones that your students will ask to play again!

Workshop Title: "MEASURING EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS: the New Teacher Evaluation System "

Presenter: Pat Hardy -PDE's Teacher Effectiveness System Project Manager

The session will focus on the new teacher effectiveness evaluation system to be implemented in the 2013-2014 school year per the passage of Act 82. It will also include the principal effectiveness system as well.

Workshop Title: "Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter! Oh My! Navigating the Yellow Brick Road of Social Media and its Uses in Education"

Presenter: Katherine A. Chronister, Omega

Journey with the presenter through the land of emerging social media websites while learning how to use some of them for personal or professional growth. Prior to 2003, mankind had generated a sum total of 5 Exabyte's of content historically. Today it is estimated we generate this amount of content measured in days. The level and rate of change that we are experiencing today is not expected to slow any time soon. In fact, it is expected only to increase. Learn how to engage socially in this information age, keep your personal information safe, and increase the use of technology in your classrooms for you and your students. This workshop is geared at participants who are open to learning new things. If you feel you have no idea what your students, children, or grandchildren are talking about when it comes to social media, this workshop should help answer your questions and bring you into the 21st century. Participants are highly encouraged to bring with them a laptop or a tablet in order to have a more hands-on experience during the workshop or follow-up during the convention with what they've learned.

Workshop Title: "Easy Things to Do to Help Kids Write Better"

Presenter: Carol Goodman, Beta Rho

Quick easy techniques to help elementary students improve their writing skills. (How can we get kids to revise when they think everything is perfect the first time?) These ideas fit in with any writing program now being used.

Workshop Title: "Enrichment Grant to Study at Abruzzo Cooking School, Italy"

Presenter: Barbara Giuffrida, Beta Pi

Barbara will present highlights of her week-long trip to Abruzzo area in Italy, where she learned to cook Italian, shop Italian, sample wine, cheese, and Italian meats in order (see **WORKSHOPS page 23**)

Revising By Laws and Standing Rules

by Suzanne Long

The task of revising the Alpha Alpha State By Laws and Standing Rules has been facilitated by the Rules Committee with input from the state officers and committee chairs. Most of the changes involved wording and reorganization of committees to align the state documents with the 2010 Constitution and International Standing rules. Because of this, these changes will not be subject to a vote by members at State Convention.

The proposed changes to the Alpha Alpha State By Laws include:

Article VII - Meetings includes the Professional Development Conference/Seminar, the Purposeful Seminar and the Arts Retreat. The schedule of these meetings has been revised.

Article IX - Committees has proposed changes to the *Leadership Development Committee* which will reorganize the committee and expand its responsibilities.

The Program of Work Committee (POW) has been reorganized to conform to the new *Educational Excellence Committee* (EEC) as it is structured in the 2010 Constitution. For the past two years the state EEC has worked with the new structure and revised it further to make the EEC satisfy the needs of Alpha Alpha State.

The State Achievement Award Committee will expand its responsibilities to include an award to recognize younger members who embrace the DKG purposes with enthusiasm. Presented for the first time in 2012, it was called the **Torch Bearer Award**.

Article XIII - Merger, Consolidation and Dissolution

Finally, the last article of the By Laws addresses the new "*Merger and Consolidation*" approach to help struggling chapters. President Louann Shrader has led the way on this approach to avoid dissolution of chapters.

The proposed changes to the Alpha Alpha State Standing Rules

Changes are proposed for area conferences, finances for the Professional Development and Leadership Conference, and the Purposeful Seminar.

All of these proposed changes will be considered and voted on at the General Session of the 2013 State Convention. The complete text of these changes will be available on the Alpha Alpha State web site with the entire text of the By Laws and Standing Rules. Please access the documents and share them with your chapter members who do not use computers.

2013 Album of Distinction

Do you have an active member who has been recognized for honors and or service distinctions outside of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International? If so, the Educational Excellence Committee would like to honor them at the 2013 Alpha Alpha State Convention. Anyone who has received an honor or an award in their community for volunteering or another accomplishment is eligible. The honor and/or recognition must have occurred from April 1, 2012- April 1, 2013.

Applications for the 2013 Album of Distinction can be found online at www.alphaalphaphapa.com. Click on Awards and the form is

listed there or you can ask your Chapter President for the form. The online rubric and evaluation criteria is also listed on the same Awards page.

The application requires the applicant to tie the honor to one of the 7 purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Applications for this honor are due by April 1, 2013. Please forward the applications for the 2013 Album of

The Educational Excellence Committee looks forward to honoring a member from your Chapter at the 2013 Alpha Alpha State Convention.

to cook authentic Italian entrees, soups and desserts. She will share recipes and "tastes" of Italian cuisine. A mini-slide show will also show the area in which she studied. LIMITED to the first 25 participants.

Workshop Title: "Enrichment Grant: for Autoharp & Mountain Dulcimer, For Art Techniques Learned at Fallingwater and Googleworks, for Chautauqua Institute"

Presenters: Nancy Ann Hay, Joy Knepp, Alpha Delta;

Linda Falconer, Julie Myler, Teresa Borger, and Judith Gibson, Alpha Mu

Learn how these ladies used their DKG Enrichment Grants. Nancy will show us how to play the autoharp and the mountain dulcimer, America's oldest instrument, and will have audience members join her in strumming along. Joy will demonstrate glass casting and discuss the residency program at Fallingwater. The Chautauqua Four will discuss their week-long study at Chautauqua Institute in upstate New York, which prides itself in encouraging renewal, reflection, and spiritual and intellectual growth. Listen to the highlights of their experiences.

An Enrichment Grant Update

Alpha Mu Sisters Immersed in Culture at Chautauqua Institute

Alpha Mu sisters **Terry Borger, Linda Falconer, Judy Gibson, and Julie Myler** spent an idyllic week at Chautauqua Institute thanks to being recipients of Alpha State Achievement Grants. Chautauqua Institute is a



not for profit 785 acre educational center founded in 1874. This community is located along Chautauqua Lake in western New York. Chautauqua Institute, which began as a church retreat to provide courses for Sunday School teachers, quickly evolved into a haven for educators, artists, musicians, and lifelong learners. Chautauqua Institute prides itself in encouraging renewal and reflection of the human spirit. The Chautauqua season is a nine-week summer program beginning the last week of June and ending the last week of August. Each week has a theme, and each week has a schedule reflecting that theme. There are opportunities to attend lectures, activi-

ties, discussions, and many other platforms in the arts, education, religion, and recreation.

What an exciting moment back in April to find out we had received enrichment grants! Next came the difficulty of four busy women to find a mutually agreed upon week! We quickly secured a cottage; housing is limited and residents book early. We attended Week Eight, participating in the theme entitled "Radicalism." Early risers in our party got the coffee on (Thanks, Linda and Terry.) and went out to purchase a copy of the *Chautauqua Daily*, the community newspaper. Many days we went our separate ways to attend classes or lectures. We reconvened by five or six to share dinner together (Thanks, Judy.). One of our sisters made sure she took a late afternoon pain reducing exercise class so that she would not have to cook (Right, Julie?). Other classes included delectable starters (recipes for small-plate buffets), Italian for beginners (conversational Italian), sacred songs from around the world (how humanity has expressed faith from ancient to modern times), short story discussion (guided discussion using Socratic questioning and technique to interpret the given work), as well as a vineland walking tour (investigated how wines are influenced by geography, soils, slope, weather, and agriculture known as *terroir*). (see **CHAUTAUQUA** page 26)

CHAPTER NEWS

ALPHA KAPPA

CHRISTMAS JOY! It was a joyous occasion as the sisters from the local Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met recently for their Christmas meeting. All teachers present were entertained and schooled in the etiquette of bag piping presented by Ethan Fowler, a 14-year old bag piper extraordinaire.

A formal initiation ceremony followed Fowler's performance where six new members were initiated into the Society. Shirley Schlegel, the chapter's parliamentarian,



presided over the ceremony with special guest, Louann Schrader, Alpha Alpha State President assisting.



Fowler, new initiates Emily Wagner, Beth Ann Alleman, Kelly Beward, Ch. Pres. Clare Flynn, Shirley Schlegel, Pres. Louann, new initiates Maggie Hackenberger, Bonnie Seigler, and Mary Grimm.

SIGMA

Louann visited Sigma Chapter on December 1st, at the Pine Barn Inn at Danville. She spoke about the founding members of Delta Kappa Gamma and challenges that they faced. She encouraged us to think back to the Founding members and try to solve problems and challenges as they would have in the early years.



Mary Anne Miller and Sandra Kessler Hostesses, First Co-Vice President Dawn McManus and First Co-Vice President Linda Shupp (organizers of Dirty Santa Game), Louann, and Ann Nowaskie, President.



Louann opening a Gift of Appreciation from Sigma President, Ann Nowaskie.

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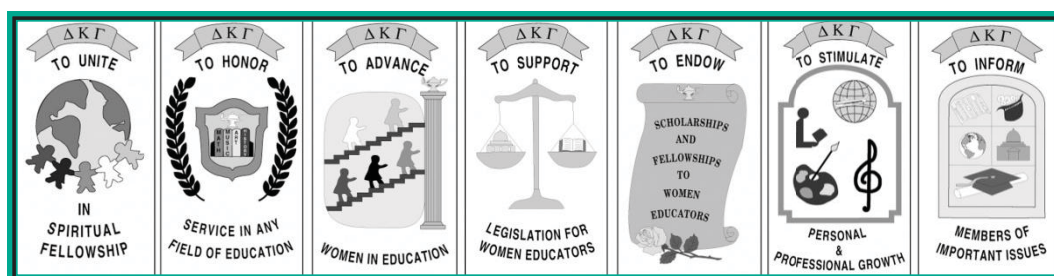
ALPHA SIGMA

Alpha Sigma Sisters gathered on Saturday, January 12, to celebrate their chapter's 52nd Birthday with a service project for children at risk. Twenty two sisters, armed with scissors, rulers, and several bolts of fabric, attended the event and made 45 "no-sew" fleece blankets during the morning hours, while circulating from one table to another, sharing in the work. We had "cutters," "measurers," "trimmers," "knotters," "watchers," and "supervisors." We even had two of our newest initiates, Debbie McMillin and Sue Hepner, participate in this fun activity. Those who could not attend made 8 more blankets at home or school and sent them in. Our goal of 52 blankets for our 52nd Birthday was met, plus "one-to-grow-on."

A luncheon of homemade soups, prepared by Carol Herbert and Karen Tinstman, was served but only after the work was done. Heard throughout the morning was, "No soup for you!" as well as, "Boy, you look good for 52!"

A beautiful birthday cake, provided by Mary Kay Davis, looked too good to eat but, we sang Happy Birthday (to ourselves) and ate the cake! Clean-up was provided by Blanche Stach and Bonnie Barnes.

The **"52 plus 1"** finished blankets were divided and distributed to the Lawrence County Crisis Center and the Butler/Lawrence County CYS (Children and Youth Services). During this birthday celebration, Alpha Sigma Sisters warmed themselves both inside and out, by giving instead of getting. It was a great way to spend a cold Saturday in January.



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Chautauquans have daily opportunities to attend lectures geared to the week's theme. Carlin Romano, professor of media theory and philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania, began the week with a presentation of the definition of radicalism as well as the history of radicalism. On Tuesday Julianne Malveaux, president emerita of Bennett College of Greensboro, NC, shared how tactics of the civil rights movement have promoted social and cultural change and the effect this movement has had on today's activism. Freeman Dyson, professor emeritus (1994) from Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study, reviewed and discussed radical changes in science he has witnessed throughout his career. He stated, "Radical changes are a gamble; some succeed while others fail." On Thursday Stella Rimington, former director general of the MI5 (British Security Service) and currently known for her serial spy thrillers, spoke of radicals who threaten a nation's safety and interspersed her speech with the impact her MI5 work has brought to her novels. The amphitheater lectures concluded on Friday with David Rohde, Pulitzer Prize winning foreign affairs reporter, who described his life as a prisoner for seven months in Pakistan. He shared insight on the misconceptions radical Taliban militants have of the United States.

Amazingly, we were able to agree upon a mid-week time slot to host a "Tea on the Porch" with our **Alpha Mu Sisters** of Warren County. We knew we had to share a piece of our good fortune as well as show our sister-friends how awesome and valuable a scholarship can be for each of us!

Additionally, we had the opportunity to hear country artist, Vince Gill, as well as the Chautauqua Symphony three evenings that week. We have a group consensus that the week was a lifetime opportunity we could not have afforded without the gift of an *Enrichment Grant*. There is so much to see and so much to do every day at Chautauqua. One can be busy every moment or experience the Chautauqua scene at a relaxed pace. To be able to stay on the grounds of Chautauqua for a week to immerse ourselves in culture is truly a dream come true. **Thank you, Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Alpha State!**

JUST A REMINDER: S E E

Following along with International's **S**upport for **E**arly - career **E**ducators



(SEE), we are asking chapter members to bring supplies or professional materials, that a new teacher might need for

her classroom, to Friday evening of State Convention in June. Bulletin board items, stickers, books, and specialty paper are but a few suggestions. Talk to teachers in your area to determine what they might want or need. (And while you are talking to them, ask them to join you at your next DKG meeting!)



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A Note of Appreciation to Chapter Treasurers:

Many thanks to the dedicated, hard-working Chapter Treasurers of Alpha Alpha State. We have successfully completed another dues collection cycle, and all Alpha Alpha State Chapters have completed the **IRS 990N** e-filing. We do this all with grace, cooperation, and caring.

Thank you,
Linda O'Connor
Alpha Alpha State Treasurer

IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth Gerko

July 21, 2012

As a member of Beta Beta chapter since 1985, Elizabeth served on many chapter committees. She taught on a Navajo reservation, on an Air Force base in Japan, and 5th and 6th grade in the Southern Area School District.

Ruth Willard Speer

November 22, 2012

Ruth taught for more than 35 years in the Kiski Area School District. She was an avid supporter of the Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Kentucky, and was a past chapter president of Upsilon chapter.

Arlene E. Troutman

December 8, 2012

An active member of Nu chapter for 43 years, Arlene was a retired elementary teacher from the Eastern Lebanon County School District. She was a 2011 Album of Distinction recipient.

Eva B. Hoke

August 29, 2012

Eva served Beta Kappa chapter as its first president from 1964-1966 and as its parliamentarian from 1967-1968. She taught grades 1-3 for 34 years and kindergarten for 11 years.

Lois C. Crummie

November 28, 2012

Lois taught 2nd grade in the North Hills School District for 37 years. A member of Alpha Xi chapter, she was nominated for Teacher of the Year and was recognized by several local organizations for her teaching excellence.

Josephine Scipione

September 28, 2012

Josephine was a member of Beta Epsilon chapter since 1989 and was a past chapter president. She retired from the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8.

Alma Miller

September 27, 2012

Alma was a member of Omega chapter for 56 years, was a regular attendee at chapter meetings and state convention, and was 107 years old when she passed away. She taught special education and 4th grade for 44 years in the Upper Adams School District.



Gone from our lives but not from our hearts.



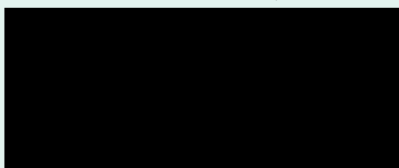
A Note of Gratitude to my DKG Sisters

Thank you so much for your many acts of kindness during the loss of my beloved mother. Your sympathetic cards, emails and presence at her memorial service helped ease the burden of pain. When life is really difficult, it helps to have people like you to lean on. Your care and concern are appreciated and will always be remembered.

Fondly,
Terri Stetler

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